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In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A header assembly for ~~connecting a conductor terminating at a body organ with control circuitry and at least one electrical energy storage device of an~~ implantable medical device, the header assembly comprising:

- a) the implantable medical device comprising:
 - i) a first housing portion comprising a first major face wall supporting a first sidewall partially surrounding the first face wall except at a first open end;
 - ii) a second housing portion comprising a second major face wall supporting a second sidewall partially surrounding the second face wall except at a second open end;
 - iii) wherein the first and second housing portions are matable with the first and second open ends being in alignment with each other to provide a housing opening;
 - iv) control circuitry and at least one electrical energy storage device contained inside the housing with the first casing portion mated to the second casing portion; and
 - v) a lid for closing the housing opening;
- b) the header comprising:
 - i) ~~(a)~~ a body ~~a terminal connectable to a lead of the conductor;~~
 - ii) ~~(b)~~ [a] the body supporting the a terminal;
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- iii) at least one feedthrough wire having a distal end connected to the terminal and a proximal end extending from the body; and
- c) the lid having an upper surface to which the body is secured and an opening through which the feedthrough wire extends, the feedthrough wire being electrically insulated from the housing and the lid by a seal;
- d) (e) a first passageway extending into the body leading to the terminal, wherein a lead of a conductor is movable into the first passageway to connect the terminal with the conductor terminating at an organ intended to be assisted by the medical device; and a second passageway extending into the body in communication with the terminal and the first passageway.
- e) wherein the lid supporting the body is connected to the first housing portion mated to the second housing portion to close the medical device by closing the housing opening formed by the aligned first and second open ends of the housing portions with the proximal end of the feedthrough wire connected to the control circuitry contained therein.

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2. (Original) A header assembly for connecting a conductor terminating at a body organ with control circuitry and at least one electrical energy storage device of an implantable medical device, the header assembly comprising:

- (a) a first terminal having a first lead opening sized to receive a first portion of a lead for the conductor;
- (b) a second terminal having a second lead opening sized to receive a second portion of the lead for the conductor;
- (c) a body supporting the first and second terminals, wherein the body includes a first bore communicating from outside the body to the first and second lead openings aligned in a first co-axial relationship;
- (d) a first passageway extending into the body leading to the first terminal and a second passageway extending into the body in communication with the first terminal and the first passageway; and
- (e) a third passageway extending into the body leading to the second terminal and a fourth passageway extending into the body in communication with the second terminal and the second passageway.

3. (Original) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the body further supports third and fourth terminals having third and fourth lead openings aligned in a second co-axial relationship along a second bore communicating from outside the body to the third and fourth terminals.

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4. (Original) The header assembly of claim 3 wherein the first co-axial relationship of the first and second lead openings along the first bore is offset with respect to the second co-axial relationship of the third and fourth lead openings aligned along the second bore.

5. (Original) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the body is of a polymeric material.

6. (Original) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein a threaded member is receivable in first and second apertures provided in the respective first and second terminals.

7. (Original) The header assembly of claim 6 wherein the second and fourth passageways are in communication with the first and second apertures in the respective first and second terminals.

8. (Currently Amended) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the first bore is sized to receive [a] the lead of the conductor in the first and second lead openings of the first and second terminals.

9. (Currently Amended) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the first bore includes an annular channel supporting an O-ring for sealing about [a] the lead of the conductor received in the first and second lead openings.

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10. (Original) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the electrical energy storage device is selected from a battery and a capacitor.

11. (Currently Amended) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the medical device is selected from the group consisting of a hearing assist device, neurostimulator, cardiac pacemaker, drug pump, and cardiac defibrillator.

12. (Original) The header of claim 2 wherein the first and second terminals are selected from the group consisting of a terminal block, a sleeve, a ring-shaped member supporting a coil spring and a ring shaped member supporting at least one leaf spring.

13. to 23. (Canceled)

24. (New) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the body further supports third and fourth terminals having third and fourth lead openings aligned in a second co-axial relationship along a second bore communicating from outside the body to the third and fourth terminals.

25. (New) The assembly of claim 24 wherein the first co-axial relationship of the first and second lead openings along the first bore is offset with respect to the second co-axial relationship of the third and fourth lead openings aligned along the second bore.

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26. (New) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the body is of a polymeric material.

27. (New) The assembly of claim 1 wherein a threaded member is receivable in first and second apertures provided in the respective first and second terminals.

28. (New) The assembly of claim 27 wherein the second and fourth passageways are in communication with the first and second apertures in the respective first and second terminals.

29. (New) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the first bore is sized to receive the lead of the conductor in the first and second lead openings of the first and second terminals.

30. (New) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the first bore includes an annular channel supporting an O-ring for sealing about the lead of the conductor received in the first and second lead openings.

31. (New) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the electrical energy storage device is selected from a battery and a capacitor and wherein the medical device is selected from the group consisting of a hearing assist device, neurostimulator, cardiac pacemaker, drug pump, and cardiac defibrillator.